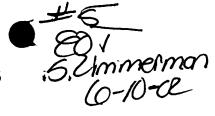


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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time in response to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2001, for the above-identified application.

The required filing fee of \$400.00, covering the required statutory fee for the two-month extension of time, as well as any additional fees which may be required, should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0955. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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